



*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Health Policy Commission
Two Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2 and M.G.L. c. 6D, the Health Policy Commission (the "Commission") and the Department of Public Health will hold a public hearing regarding the following regulations related to the Office of Patient Protection:

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958 CMR 3.00 - Health Insurance Consumer Protection

958 CMR 4.00 - Health Insurance Open Enrollment Waivers

Scheduled hearing date and location:

**Monday, June 10, 2013, 9:00 AM
Two Boylston Street, 5th Floor, Daley Conference Room
Boston, MA 02116**

Pursuant to chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012, the Massachusetts Office of Patient Protection was transferred from the Department of Public Health to the Commission. The Health Policy Commission is promulgating regulations and the Department of Public Health is repealing its regulations to effectuate that transfer.

958 CMR 3.00 establish requirements for carriers in administering their internal grievance procedures, establish the requirements for the conduct of external reviews of carriers' medical necessity adverse determinations, and set out requirements for continuity of care and referral to specialty care.

958 CMR 4.00 establish the requirements for requests by consumers who wish to enroll in a non-group health plan outside of the open enrollment periods established by M.G.L. c. 176J.

The HPC encourages all interested parties to submit testimony and comments to the following address: HPC-regulations@state.ma.us. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. Parties who are unable to submit electronic comments should mail submissions to Lois Johnson, General Counsel, Health Policy Commission, Two Boylston Street, 6th Floor,

Boston, MA 02116. All testimony and comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 10, 2013.

The text of the proposed regulations may be viewed on the HPC's website at:
www.mass.gov/hpc by selecting "Public Hearings and Regulations."